



Media Relations Information for 03/03/2015

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Official ribbon cutting at La Porte's new Animal **Shelter and Adoption Center**











February 27th, 2015 marked an important chapter in La Porte's care and conservation of its local animal population. A ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Spencer Highway location was attended by many, and the facility shows great promise for the bay-area community. Among the attendees were La Porte's Mayor Louis Rigby, Council persons Dottie Kaminski and Mike Clausen, La Porte's City manager Corby Alexander, and many other individuals who provided significant contributions toward the facility's creation.



Highlighting the ceremonies was the presentation of a perennial garden in the front of the facility, dedicated to the original project manager Regan McPhail. While Regan was unable to view the completed project due to his untimely passing, R.J. Davidson stepped into the role and ensured that McPhail's vison and dedication came through. Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Beth Brady and Crystal Redden were also recognized for their efforts in generating over \$90K dollars in cash donations for the project, as well as \$12K of in-kind donations.

As a follow up to the shelter's official opening, there will be an open-house at the facility on Saturday, March 14th, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event is open to the public and will feature tours of the facility, a free pizza lunch, and several other child-based activities.

If you have any questions about the Animal Shelter and Adoption facility, or are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Animal Control Supervisor Clarence Anderson at 281-471-3810.